

1887 PELHAM

**Golden Wedding of Dr.
Fatal Accident--New**

The golden wedding anniversary of Dr. F. W. Batchelder was celebrated at the town hall Wednesday evening, when upward of fifty neighbors and friends of the couple gathered to greet them with congratulations and good wishes. Nine children were present from Manchester, Nashua, Boston and this town, together with a large number of friends, were present almost innumerable. The guests included the best part of the population of Pelham, among whom Dr. Batchelder practiced his profession for many years previous to his retiring from it a year ago. He is still hale and hearty and greeted his friends with a firm grasp of the hand and a pleasant smile. Many beautiful gifts were presented, amounting to \$114 in gold, of which \$50 was given by Daniel Atwood of Manchester, the remainder by townspeople. The gifts were varied in character, and appropriate to the occasion. An oration speech was made by Augustus Berry and responded to by the recipient. Remarks were made by John Woodbury, Reuben Haverhill, and by the doctor himself. Dr. Batchelder of Manchester is 75 years of age and carries his age well. Mrs. Batchelder is a native of Pelham, formerly Rebecca Atwood, and was somewhat overcome by the excitement of the occasion. F. A. Cutter presided over the evening which included music by a quartet from Manchester, singing and others, and a supper. It was the unanimous opinion of the company that the venerable doctor should be spared to remain among us many more years.

The funeral of the late Mr. Kent took place yesterday, and was attended by a large number of friends. Mr. Kent was employed by W. H. Wiggin of Lowell and was on work at Nashua. On Friday he made a misstep at the mill and fell from a scuttle, receiving injuries which were first thought to be trivial, but which resulted in his death on Monday. He was in Lowell, but his papers were in Nashua. He was 31 years of age, and had one child. He was employed by the Rand express company.

Woodbury's new building is now completed. The store will be ready for it in a few weeks, and the spacious first and second halls in the second and third stories have been leased to the colonists. The fathers, and were dedicated last Friday evening, when Secretary Morse of Salem and the Mayflower colony of Lawrence were present. The hall is pronounced to be the finest in the state for lodge purposes, the banquet hall in the third story being used for the first time, equipped for the purpose for which it was designed.